

WI-427
Irving Powell House
Salisbury
Private

1909

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Irving Powell House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-427

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Dwelling

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Irving Powell House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 328 North Division Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brady L. and Martha L. Shafer

street & number 328 North Division Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 107, Parcel 943
liber 846

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 504

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Irving Powell house stands at 328 North Division Street at the intersection of West William Street in Salisbury's Newtown Historic District, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, four-bay, double-pile brick house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated to 1909, the two-and-a-half story, side hall/double-pile plan brick dwelling is supported on a brick foundation with an excavated cellar. The pressed brick facades are laid in stretcher bond with limestone quoins on the principal corners. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing. A single story brick and frame garage stands in the back yard.

The east (main) elevation is a four-bay facade with the entrance in the second bay from the southeast corner. The doorway is enriched with Ionic columns and six-pane sidelights. Immediately south (left) of the entrance is a six-over-one sash window flanked by louvered shutters. North of the doorway is a three-sided bay window. The entire first floor is sheltered by a shed-roofed porch that extends around to the north side. Greek Doric limestone columns support the roof, and a limestone railing x-pattern design stretches between each column. Four nine-over-one sash windows light the second floor, and each opening is topped by a jack arch and flanked by louvered shutters. The roof is defined by a pair of large gabled dormers pierced by round arched windows. The windows are flanked by paneled pilasters. Trimming the base of the roof is a plain entablature.

The south gable end is an asymmetrical facade with an assortment of windows lighting the first and second floors. Piercing the southeast corner on the first floor is an oriole type bay window. A second floor window incorporates a leaded pane, colored glass upper panel. Lighting the attic is a pair of six-over-one sash windows. The windows are incorporated in a decorative pattern of brick. Above the windows is a round arch that frames a field of basketweave patterned brickwork. Piercing the gable end is an interior end brick chimney.

The north gable end is distinguished by the Greek Doric columns that support the wraparound porch. Fixed under the porch is a metal cover for a coal shoot. A brick bay window is sheltered by the porch. The second floor is lighted by four nine-over-one sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. The gable end is finished like the south side with a pair of six-over-one sash windows incorporated within a pattern of decorative brickwork. Rising through the roof is an interior end brick chimney.

The west (rear) wall is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay service wing, which is extended on its gable end by a two-story shed roof porch that is enclosed on the first floor. Fixed within the gable end is a marble datestone with 1909 in raised numerals. Narrow windows light the attic on each side, and a single flue brick stack pierces the gable end.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1909

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The well preserved Colonial Revival exterior coupled with its prominent location on the corner of North Division and West William streets qualify this house as a highly important architectural and historical element of the Newtown Historic District.

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328 North Division Street
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Chain of title
Map 107, Parcel 943

846/504 John A. Coiner
 Johanne R. Coiner

to

11/4/1975 Brady L. Shafer
 Martha L. Shafer

JWTS 739/559 Charles A. Parker, et ux.

to

8/9/1971 John A. Coiner, et ux.

JWTS 599/259 Walter R. Holloway

to

12/12/1964 Charles A. Parker

JWTS 316/480 J. Asbury Holloway

to

4/5/1950 Walter R. Holloway
 Pauline J. Holloway
 Plat EAT 62/7

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Chain of title continued

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IDT 196/274 Jean Lee Gibson
 Harry P. Gibson

to

6/9/274 J. Asbury Holloway

Will Book Last Will and Testament
JAH 1/70 Elizabeth P. Powell

to

7/26/1926 Jean Gibson

EAT 62/7 William Wirt Leonard, et al.

to

1/22/1909 Elizabeth P. Powell

5860 / NW
(HEBRON)

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